

Remarks

Claims 1-44, 46-56 and 58-69 were pending in the application. Claims 1-44, 46-56 and 58-68 stand allowed, and claim 69 stands rejected. By this paper, claim 69 has been canceled without prejudice to put the application in condition for allowance. Furthermore, Applicants reserve the right to pursue additional claims, such as a claim that is the same as or similar to claim 69, in a continuation re-issue application.

In addition, claims 61 and 63 have been amended to recite "center console housing" instead of "console housing" in order to be consistent with corresponding independent claim 56.

As requested in the Advisory Action, brackets and underlining have been added to the claims as necessary, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.173 (d), to show changes made relative to the patent being reissued. Furthermore, in accordance with section 1453 of the MPEP, the claims have been identified with one of the following identifiers: Issued Claim, Amended, or New.

Conclusion

Applicants have made a genuine effort to respond to each of the Examiner's objections and rejections in advancing the prosecution of this case. Applicants believe that all formal and substantive requirements for patentability have been met and that this case is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at his earliest convenience.


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